



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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Applicants: Yvette L. Hammonds et al. Docket No.: 17705  
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**Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 5, 2004, in which the Examiner **finally rejected** claims 1-28, the time for responding thereto extended until August 5, 2004 in accordance with a Petition for an Extension of Time submitted concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Specifications** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1A, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2B, 2B' 2C, 2C' 5A, 5B, 6 and 7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2B, 2B' 2C, 2C' 5A, 5B, 6 and 7, replace the original sheet including Fig. 1A, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2B, 2B' 2C, 2C' 5A, 5B, 6 and 7, respectively.

Figures 5A, 5B, 6 and 7 have been amended as set forth in the amendment filed January 9, 2004. The attached drawings are the actual photomicrographs, which the Examiner stated she did not receive with the previous amendment.

Drawing corrections suggested or requested by the Examiner have been made as shown in the Replacement Sheets and the Annotated Sheets Showing Changes.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.191 the Appellants hereby respectfully appeal Examiner's **Final Rejection** of claims 1-28 mailed April 5, 2004. It is noted that the time to file this Notice of Appeal is extended to August 5, 2004, in accordance with a petition for a one-month extension filed July 28, 2004.

Please charge (1) the \$330.00 fee designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) for filing this Notice of Appeal and (2) any other prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Deposit account number 11-0875. This notice is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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